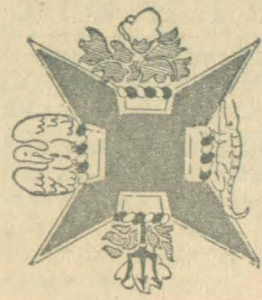




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First Long Marches Bring Out New Phases Of Training Program

Bombers Attack Moving Troops

WEEKEND HOLIDAYS FOLLOW 40 MILE TRAMP

The men of the 61st and 62nd Infantry Brigades, comprising the 155th and 156th regiments and the 124th and 167th regiments respectively, felt their holiday weekend well earned, following their overnight hiking maneuvers, the first of a series of lengthy marches on which each Brigade marched approximately forty miles. The 61st Brigade staged its march on Monday and Tuesday and the 62nd on Wednesday and Thursday.

The marches were the first of any substantial length participated in by the infantry regiments and were designed, in addition to the conditioning phase, to teach the troops ways of protection against aircraft and mechanized units. Army planes of the 106th Observation Squadron flew over the marching lines of foot soldiers and trucks carrying machine guns and other equipment, which spread for cover on receiving the signal, men taking to the woods and the motor convoys to the sides of the highways.

Dive bombers swooped down upon the men, eight at a time in squads of four, skimming dangerously close to the tree tops, attacking particular companies and then circling to attack again. Though witnessing this method of attack for the first time and affected by a creepy feeling, most of the men retained their balance and followed instructions to the letter.

The troops were bivouaced near Keystone Heights and after the first day's march some went in swimming in Lake Brooklyn. At night others built bonfires and enjoyed mass singing; while the bands of the 124th and 167th Infantry regiments played for their fellow soldiers along the line of march and as they entered the bivouac area.

As was to be expected, many of the soldiers found the long hike a gruelling one, but both Brig. General Louis F. Guerre and Brig. General Joseph L. Hutchinson, commanders of the 61st and 62nd Brigades respectively, were pleased with the results of the maneuver and the way their men withstood the march.

116th Band Loses Man; Too Young

Pvt. Charlie Parnell, 17, of Tampa, Fla., in 116th Field Artillery Band, received his discharge this week because of minority. Parnell joined the 116th's Headquarters Battery May of last year, and was later transferred to the band by reason of his trumpet playing ability. "I am being discharged because of a mistake I made on dates at the time of enlistment," Parnell said. "I was apparently 18 years old but with the discovery of the mistake I am only 17. I like Army life, but my folks want me to go back to school." The loss of Parnell reduces the band personnel from 23 to 22 men.

Gen. Grayson Visits Miss. Selectees

Adjutant General Thomas J. Grayson of Mississippi recently paid a surprise visit to 200 Mississippi selectees a few hours after they entered Camp Blanding, Fla., for a year's training.

Shiners Now Acquired Via Duck Walk Method

Everyone knows the explanation for a black eye—"I ran into a door," but Corp. Earl Donnelly, Co. A, 155th Infantry, gave a new one for his "shiner." Said the non-com, "I stepped on a duck walk in the company street and it flew up and hit me in the face. That's my story and I'm sticking to it." His buddies are skeptical.

167th Has Big Week End

A large percent of the 167th Infantry enjoyed itself bathing in the surf Sunday. Under the sponsorship of the regiment, Hq. Co. spent Saturday and Sunday on Jacksonville Beach as did Co. D, Hq. Det., 2nd Bn., and Co. H, motoring to Daytona Beach by convey. All outfits took their kitchens along with them.

Ist. Lt. James Wall, commanding Hq. Det., 3rd Bn., led that organization on a motor trip to Green Cove Springs Sunday where they "rooted" the regimental baseball team to a 25 to 1 victory.

116th F. A. Stages Two-Day Maneuver

Only a skeleton crew of about 100 soldiers remained in the 116th Field Artillery's area Wednesday and Thursday. The others, numbering over 1,000 men, together with big guns and full equipment, moved out early Wednesday morning to the Osceola National Forest located in extreme north Florida's Okefenokee Swamp area. There, with the first battalion of the 114th Field Artillery, a two-day ROOP (reconnaissance, occupation and operation of position) maneuver was held.

Col. Homer W. Hesterly, commander of the 116th, was in charge of the troops, and Brigadier General Sumter L. Lowry, Jr., the latter in command of the 56th Field Artillery Brigade which includes the 116th and 114th, was present as a spectator and observer.

The feature attraction of the maneuver was a ROOP demonstration in the field Wednesday by Battery C of the 116th. Under the guidance of Capt. E. J. McMullen, the Battery's commander, the Battery functioned as a model artillery regiment while other troops looked on.

How To Find A Reg't. With One Easy Sign

Brigadier-General Thomas J. Grayson, Mississippi's adjt. Gen., was driving along a quiet road Monday night looking for the boys of the 155th Infantry. The general knew they were encamped somewhere after their 17 1-2-mile hike, so he stopped a soldier and inquired the direction.

"Cap, I'll tell you," the youth said. "You just go down the road until you come to a sign which says 'Jesus saves.' Keep right and you'll find the boys."

The General found the sign, turned to the right and located his regiment. That saved the night for the General.

31st Takes Man From East Africa

They come from everywhere to fall in with the forces at Camp Blanding. From far away East Africa, there's 19-year-old Sergeant Gordon Black of Company I, of the 106th Medical Regiment, Black, who now calls Hattiesburg, Miss., his home, is a modest, athletically-inclined youth who had been in the National Guard since September, 1939. He was born in Durbin, East Africa, and has been in the United States about 12 years. Before settling in Mississippi, Sergeant Black lived in North Carolina and Alabama. He has seen more of the world, too, having lived in Great Britain and Canada. His athletic feats include outstanding football performances as a fullback at the Hattiesburg High school.

Baby Bunny Brought From Field

When Corporal J. J. Pelts or Private Tom Rand of Company M, 155th Infantry are wanted these days it is only necessary to look in the vicinity of their tent where they are quite sure to be "mothering" a young bunny rabbit found on a recent maneuver. The soldiers take turns feeding it milk with a medicine dropper. "God, fathers and child are doing well," were not.

Places Picked For Stops When Division Moves To Louisiana

First Firing Of Dixie's 155's



TOP LEFT—The one man assigned to the job brings the 92 pound shell from its resting place, well away from the gun, to other crew members. Right top—With the projectile well set in the loading barrow they guide it to the slide rail to await the signal to complete loading. Left Bottom—The short rammer is used to "ram her home". Artillerymen claim that a hearty shove here gives better results. Right bottom—Crew members retired to dugouts, the No. 1 gunner, also at least twenty feet away, pulls the lanyard that sends the shell meanly whining three and four thousand yards.

155th Soldiers See Silver Springs

The second battalion of the 155th Infantry spent last weekend in Ocala, Fla. More than 400 soldiers made the trip, which included a visit to the famous Silver Springs. The program provided a softball game, a minstrel show, and a dance, all arranged by the Pilot's Club of Ocala.

Helpful-Lazy Lads Try To Surrender Guns

Helpful are the members in the squad of Corporal Harold Orcutt, all of Company D, 156th Infantry—or is lazy a better word?

Captured by an "enemy" platoon on a recent field problem and relieved of their ammunition, the squad argued unsuccessfully quite a while with their captors to also take over the guns as well. But the enemy decided that mock warfare could be carried only so far, and the New Orleans lads had to carry their own guns.

Air-Conditioning For Sgt.; Not General

Generals rate rather high in Uncle Sam's Army, but Tech. Sgt. Ned Humphreys, attached to the staff of Brig. General Thomas J. Grayson, adjutant for the State of Mississippi, rated higher than his chief on at least one occasion.

On an automobile trip to Camp Blanding this week, Gen. Grayson and Sgt. Humphreys stopped for the night at a Jacksonville hotel. The sergeant's room was air-conditioned. The general's quarters for the night, adjoining, were not.

Division Intelligence School Enrolls "Eyes And Ears" Men From All Units

Two hundred and twenty men who will become the eyes, ears and even the nose of the division in combat began an 88-hour instruction course in Military Intelligence Monday.

The men, taken from each regiment in the division, will be subjected to intensified training in map reading and orientation, scouting and patrolling, sketching and locating, identifying and determining the strength of the enemy. They will be taught the valuable element of time in supplying requested information to their commanding officer in time for it to be of use to him in determining his course of action.

A large part of the course will be actual field work. During the first week the students were taken to several distant points in the maneuver area where they learned to locate their exact positions on a map. The school spent several hours in the field Wednesday night following a given course without using lights. Thursday morning's field problem was the sketching of a designated area to show the positions and strength of "enemy" troops.

The various phases of training are directed by regimental intelligence officers, each being an expert in a particular subject.

Major Frederick Bradshaw, division intelligence officer is in charge of the school.

Whistle-Crazy Sergeant Washed For Sins

One of those rare opportunities presented itself to the members of the Service and Ammunition Battery, 2nd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, this week when a courageous sergeant, classified by the men as "whistle crazy," shouted, while on the run, a challenge to "take on any man or the whole Battery at one time."

Do we have to say that the artillerymen charged as one man and speedily moved the sergeant under a long and cold shower, thus washing out his pugilistic claims through the drain and, safe to say, to oblivion.

Damon & Pythias Again

A real Damon and Pythias friendship has been found. It seems that Major Chester F. Fresh and Captain Clarence Bishop of the 106th Medical Regiment have been inseparable companions since they were 10 years of age. The Major and Captain went to school together, played together, chummed together as sportsmen on the golf links and baseball diamonds, and now they are together at Camp Blanding. The two New Orleans officers still find time to play golf together on week-ends. And, oh yes, believe it or not, they live together. Both are married and the two families reside in Gainesville.

Leaves Army To Fly With Marines

Corp. Winn D. Heddleston, Battery A, 114th Field Artillery, left Tuesday evening to join the Marine Aviation Corps at Paris Island, South Carolina, where he will re-enlist as an aerial photographer. Heddleston was an amateur photographer of note and also served as assistant editor of the DRAGON, official weekly newspaper of his regiment. His new enlistment is for a period of three years and he commences in his new station as a private.

Sharp Shooting Corp. Mans Machine Gun

Here's a warning to all future enemies of the United States—stay away from the machine gun operated by Corp. Oliver Foster of Company D, 156th Infantry. While firing a 50 calibre machine gun on the 1,000-inch range last week, Foster scored 181 hits out of a possible 190. The average number of hits out of 190 is only 150.

Col. Hulén, 106th Engrs., Makes Tour

Colonel Harry Hulén, commander of the 106th Engineers, left this week by plane for Dry Prong, Louisiana, where he will accompany members of the IV Army Corps staff on a reconnaissance of the summer maneuver area in that vicinity. He is expected to return to Blanding around May 31, when the reconnaissance is completed.

PLANS MAPPED OUT FOR MOVEMENT IN COMPLETE DETAIL; BANDS TO PLAY AT TOWNS EN ROUTE

When the 31st Division pulls out for maneuvers this summer cities along the way will be waiting with out-stretched arms, according to reports turned in by Lt. Col. G. W. McRory, assistant chief of staff, G-4, and Lt. Col. Henry E. Walden, assistant chief of staff, G-1, who recently returned from a reconnaissance of the area to be maneuvered in and the route to be taken.

Overnight bivouacs and rest periods along the way are to be made in several cities, among which is Thomasville, Ga., home town of Col. McRory. The mayor of the Georgia town has offered the use of lighting facilities at the airport, where troops will encamp. The American Legion and its Auxiliary unit will set up canteens for the men.

Again in Natchez, Miss., and Andalusia, Ala., city airports will be used for overnight bases. At Waynesboro, Miss., the troops will bivouac at a golf course on the banks of the Chickahaway River. Arrangements are being made by citizens of these cities to allow various units to give band concerts for their residents.

Approximately 10,000 gallons of water will be donated by each town stopped in for the use of the soldiers for overnight encampments. Thousands of pounds of rations are to be shipped daily by railroad to the several one-night designations to be picked up by the units.

Working on the tour with Col. McRory and Col. Walden was Major Mark W. Lance, motor transportation officer for the 31st Division, who will be in charge of some 2500 vehicles to be used in transporting the troops. Motor maintenance shops will be established at Waynesboro, Miss., and Andalusia, Ala. Major Frank V. Barchard, 106th Quartermaster will supervise the shop activities.

Others who assisted in mapping out the plans in various capacities are: Captain Eugene P. Fortson and 1st Lt. Henry McEwart, 106th Engineer regiment; Corporal Joseph O. Ritter, Pvt. Walter T. Parsons, Jr., Corporal Mason R. Howell, Private Louis P. Duck, and Private Raymond D. Constantino, 106th Quartermaster regiment.

He Extracted Tooth Before Knowing Truth

"Anything for a friend" was the motto of Private Joseph Shapiro of Company B, 156th Infantry, who is now convinced that friends aren't all they are cracked up to be. On a recent trip to the regimental surgeon to have his legs examined, Shapiro let some of his Company friends persuade him that a perfectly good tooth was bad. He had it extracted before he discovered the truth.

Engrs. Learn To Dance; Girls Give Lessons

The 106th Engineers, under the direction of Lt. Joseph S. Burrows, recreation officer, are doing something to improve their ballroom technique. Twice weekly free dancing lessons are given at the Engineers' recreation hall, and already 200 soldiers have enrolled in the terpsichorean classes. Lt. Burrows has been able to produce feminine partners for the ballroom students, and the latest report has the boys signing up at a terrific rate—and not a bad idea, either.

Selective Service Pvt. Made Corporal

William M. Dewberry, inducted into Co. L, 124th Infantry, on Feb. 20, was recently advanced to the rank of Corporal and company clerk, making Dewberry one of the few selective service men in the Division to move in such a short lapse of time into the non-coms group.

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Several weeks ago the DIXIE published an account of an "Emergency Fund" plan instituted by the Anti-Tank Company of the 155th Infantry and last week we told of the plan's adoption by Company B of the 124th Infantry.

That the idea of having men making monthly voluntary contributions to a fund to aid impoverished soldiers when emergencies demand their presence at their homes or bedsides of relatives is a sound one was made evident last week when a man was unable to join bereaved ones at his father's bier because of a lack of funds. His company mates did what they could toward contributions, and after a delay of two days the unfortunate trainee left for his California home to reach there by whatever way he could devise. Here is a clear example of the value of the "Emergency Fund" and had enough foresight been used to establish a fund in this particular company, the soldier would have been spared the necessity of soliciting money and spared the agonizing grief and delay which was forced upon him.

We know that men in the ranks are always willing to aid their comrades in time of need; in fact, they have done so on more than one occasion. But, delay can be a heart-breaking experience for a bereaved man, and a well-administered Emergency Fund would obviate many hardships. We feel that every company in the Division would be wise to follow the example of the two infantry companies mentioned above.

Last week, there appeared in the Dixie a story concerning an M. P. and a slightly inebriated soldier. On the facetious side, it recounted a tale of an M. P. "who has a heart." He had twice bought a ticket from Starke to Blanding. It was inferred that such an act was rather unusual for M. P.'s.

Such an act is, no doubt, unusual for M. P.'s. Not at all are they linked with the Soldier In Trouble Agencies. Nor are they given expense accounts for such extra-curricular endeavors. In fact, come to think of it, we aren't so sure that that M. P. was properly performing his duty. Maybe he should have arrested the soldier. That point, though, we waive, for it brings out a much better one; namely, that M. P.'s are "human".

THEATRE MEMO

Saturday, May 1: Double feature: The Lone Wolf Keeps a Date and Sandy Gets Her Man

Sunday and Monday, June 1 and 2: Love Thy Neighbor with Jack Benny and Fred Allen

Tuesday, June 3: The Man I Married with Joan Bennett, Also Jolly Tunes, RKO Pathe News and Ice Capers

Wednesday and Thursday, June 4 and 5: The Bank Dick with W. C. Fields. Also Paramount News, March of Time and Merrie Melody

Friday, June 6: South of Suez with George Brent, Brenda Marshall. Also Our Gang Comedy and Fitzpatrick Traveltalk

Saturday, June 7: Double Feature: Stage Coach War, with Bill Lloyd, Hopalong Cassidy; Barnyard Follies, with Mary Lee, Rufe Davis, June Storey, Red Prouty.

Engrs. Have Official Play Ground Opening

The 106th Engineers have officially opened their athletic grounds, and now the members of that regiment are playing basketball, volleyball and tennis daily and on week-ends. Almost two months were expended in laying out the diamonds and tennis courts, and the Engineers, as is their wont, did a fine job in felling trees, uprooting stumps, leveling the area, moving and packing the tennis court clay and marking off the baseball field and tennis courts and in erecting

backstops. The 106th soldiers expect to organize an intra-mural league soon and also a baseball team to compete with outside nines.

Seventeen Years Without A Scratch

There's a first time for everything! After seventeen years of National Guard and Army service, 1st Sgt. Lacie C. Goddard, Co. B, 155th Inf., was forced to answer sick call to accept medical attention for an eye injured during a combat field problem.

Soldier Re-Sleeps To See If He Can Remember

Corporal James Martin of Grenada, Miss., was the leading actor in a minor tragedy the other evening on a field maneuver when he managed to lose a command car he was driving for Lt. Wm. B. Smith of Greenville.

After driving Lt. Smith to his destination, the Grenada soldier settled himself for a nice nap in the woods, after an hour he was aroused by his superior who desired some equipment from the automobile. The sleepy Martin looked high and low, but was unable to locate the car. On which, the lieutenant ordered him to "Go back to sleep for a while and when you wake up again see if you can remember where you left the car."

This befuddled soldier tried to do, but it was an hour and a half before the vehicle was located. Martin's story was that he camouflaged the auto too well, but his mates of Headquarters Battery of the 1st Battalion, 114th Field Artillery, have their own version of the tragedy, claiming it was fog enveloping the chauffeur's mind, causing the confusion and delay in locating the command car.

World War Veteran Is First Sgt. In 117th

Twenty-eight years a soldier and two of those years in active service with the old Thirty-First Division in France; that's the record of 1st Sgt. Rufus E. Goodwin, Battery A, 117th F. A.

Goodwin, who has received the personal commendations of Brig.-Gen. Ben M. Smith, adjutant general of Alabama, on his service record, enlisted in 1917 and was sent to Camp Wheeler at Macon, Ga., as a member of the old Thirty-First Division. The commanding officer of his company at that time was the present commander of the 56th F. A. Brigade, Brig.-Gen. Sumter L. Lowry, Jr.

Sgt. Goodwin went overseas with Co. I, 331st Inf., and fought in several front-line battles, and has been attached to the Alabama regiment since returning from France.

Engineers See Words With Different Slant

Words are not always what they seem, and when you're talking to members of the 106th Engineers or refer to their Basic Field Manual, you'll find that you—or they—are talking a different language. To illustrate the point, glance at these words and meanings, as the Engineers see them:

"Dog"—a metal bar driven into timbers to fasten them together.
"Chess"—a type of plank, bevelled on both ends and used to cover a bridge.

"Transom"—a horizontal spar.
"Thief"—a knot, not unlike a reef knot.

"Granny"—a knot resembling a reef.

There are many, many more, but you get the idea.

Jacksonville Art Center Has Program For Soldiers

A program which should be of interest to the members of the armed forces will be presented this Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, at the Federal W. P. A. Art Center, 311 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville. All service men are invited to attend.

Mr. Ralph Munro and his Accordion Orchestra will present this program, which will include solos, duets, and ensemble numbers. In addition, Miss Mary Murillo, who is popular with musical lovers, will render several vocal selections.

Refreshments will be served.

Armory Rededicated For Deceased Col.

The National Guard Armory at Orlando, Fla., was rededicated Memorial Day to honor the late Lt. Col. Robert C. Davis, who was commanding officer of the 1st Battalion of the 124th Infantry at the time of his recent demise. Co. K, comprised of Orlando soldiers, of the 124th travelled to the dedication by convoy to pay tribute to their former leader. The Orlando contingent is headed by Captain Edward T. Walker, with 1st Lt. William H. Dial as second in command.

Red Ala. Mud Causes Excitement In 167th

The boys of Company C, 167th Inf., awoke one morning last week to find a piece of genuine Alabama clay stuck on the bulletin board. They were so delighted to see the soil of their native state that they wanted to thank the unknown donor who placed the red mud there.

2nd Series 106th Q. M. Fights

Results of the Tuesday fights at the 106th Quartermaster Regiment, second in a series of bouts scheduled to select champions for the regiment, were announced today. The principal bout saw Sgt. R. E. Goff, Co. B, 134 pounds win by a TKO over Pvt. Earl Moore, Co. C, 135, definitely establishing Goff as the lightweight champion, this being his second win over Moore.

The bout between Pvt. Bill Lamon, Co. C, 125 and Pvt. Charlie Garcia, Hq. Co., 115, jagged because of the difference in weight. But both showed evidence of being good. Lamon won by TKO in the second round when Garcia injured his right hand and was forced to retire.

In the next bout Pvt. Cecil Lolley, Service Company, 137, won over Pvt. Ronald Boals, Co. B, 138. Lack of condition handicapped Boals.

Pvt. Pete Smith, Service Company, 159, made a punching bag out of Pvt. Herman Gant, Co. C, 160. Smith could have won any time he wanted to cut loose.

In the final bout Pvt. Sidney Lefkowitz, Hq. Co., 148, outlasted Sgt. Buck Tarvar, Co. B, 150. Tarvar began like a whirlwind, easily demonstrated his superiority but swiftly faded after the first round because of lack of condition and lost by a TKO.

Woe-Begoned Private

One of the Dixie Division's stalwart men is convinced that his woes exceed those of any other enlisted man at Blanding. Recently confined to his company street for a month for being AWOL, the private counted the days when he could journey to see his sweetheart again. The night finally arrived and with it a pass, and the lovesick soldier galloped to his buggy, ready to drink to the fill his new freedom. But, his cup of woe was still unemptied, for his car was not in a mood to budge. Undismayed, the trainee walked to the gate and waved frantically at passing cars to get himself transportation to his home town. However, an alert MP caught him in the act, took away his pass and threatened him with another month of confinement for his violation of the hitch-hiking edict. So far, the MP has not carried out his threat, and our love-sick soldier is hopeful that this additional drop to his cup of woe does not enter the container.

Dance On A Cake?

How'd you like to hold a dance on a cake?

That's what Alexandria, Louisiana, soldiers in the 156th Infantry regiment are planning to do when the regiment and other parts of the Thirty-First Division maneuver in Louisiana this summer.

Mothers, wives and sweethearts of the soldiers are auctioning off a huge cake in the hometown, proceeds from which will go into a dance for the men when they return to Louisiana for maneuvers.

Co. G, 124th Has Own Emergency Air Force

Company G, 124th Infantry, for minor emergencies, has its own air-force. If rainier enough, they would simply have to wheel out their two motor powered miniature plane, built and now piloted by Sgt. M. W. Myers.

The largest has a wing spread of six feet, is painted blue and orange, and is equipped with a quarter horse-power motor. The other, only four feet, has a flying speed of from 25 to 45 miles per hour. Both now have pontoons.

War Paint and Soot Make Motley Crew

War paint mixed with stove soot and lard plastered on their faces marked the men of Company E, 106th Quartermaster distinctly different from other spectators at their regimental fights on Monday evening. The men were playing a game, the kind where the object is to "get" the other man. The game, according to reports, was most successfully played.

Participants in this "you splatter me and I'll splatter you" past-time were Sgt. Henry Banks, Pvt. Charles Knowlton, Leroy Nichols, A. C. Davis and Arlene Campbell.

Sweet Voice Not The One But Sergeant Can't Resist

Over in Service Co., 156th Inf., they're insinuating that 1st Sgt. F. M. Bradford has a wee bit o' the Scotch in him.

Sgt. Bradford decided to call his girl back in Louisiana and put in a station-to-station call to her. A sweet voice answered the phone . . . but it wasn't the one and only. But that didn't phase Bradford. He talked the full three minutes with the unknown and then hung up.

That isn't what his men are teasing him about. In fact they don't blame him a bit for talking to the other girl. But when he had finished, Bradford called up the girl he had originally intended to talk to and conversed with her for three minutes collected!

Pint Sized Gomez Now A Professional

A pint-sized edition of Blanding's Tommy Gomez has turned professional. He's Private Joe Castaellanos of Company B of the 106th Combat Engineers. Little Joe, a flyweight "stick-of-dynamite" from Mexico City, had boxed as an amateur since 1934 and recently in New Orleans, La., he captured the Southern Amateur Athletic Union championship. Castaellanos, who calls Vicksburg, Miss., his home now, is 21 years of age, and onlookers say he's as fast as greased lightning with his fists and on his feet. A bright pro future is predicted for this smiling soldier.

Nursery School For Soldiers' Children

Enlisted men, whose salaries do not exceed \$50.00 monthly, are urged to send their children between the ages of two and five to the Nursery School at the Bradford County High School in Starke, according to an announcement by Miss Nell J. Howse, district director, division of community service program for the WPA. The school will officially open on Monday, June 2 and no charges are made for the instruction. Enrollment is limited to 30 children, and enrollment was conducted all this week.

Francis Has Foot Trouble; Goes To Doc.

Pfc. Gerald Francis of Co. B, 156th Inf. limped to the regimental aid station on his outfit's Monday 20-mile "hardening" march.

"Foot trouble, soldier?" asked the physician in charge. Pvt. Francis replied in the affirmative and was ordered to pull off his shoe. "Why, there's nothing the matter with your foot," said the officer, "I believe you're just trying to goldbrick."

"But, there is, sir, only it isn't in my foot," replied the soldier. "This is what it is"—and he showed the officer a shoe with no heel.

Worried Instructor Pulls Hair

Tom Mosley was tearing his hair on the coaching line of the rifle range Tuesday when his "pupil," "Shorty" Burns completely missed the target for the fourth time. The Company A, 167th Inf., instructor swore vehemently when Burns' fifth shot failed to register on the target.

Tom didn't know whether to hide his red face or pat his swelled chest and boast of his coaching skill when the official scorer found five bulls eyes in the target.

Snake Of Big Dimensions

The piece of skin drying on a board at Service Co., 167th Inf., might fool you; it's big enough to be part of a cow hide. Actually, however, it's the skin of a rattler killed by several men of the outfit on a recent week-end jaunt to Daytona Beach.

Alive, the rattler was seven feet 10-12 inches long, weighed more than twenty pounds, and had seven rattles and 1 button. Those making the kill included Capt. Joe Lewis, Pfc. Earle Logan, Sgt. Fred Gross, Sgt. F. G. Hughes, and Pfc. Connie Loconto.

Squirrels Captured On March

That the woods around Sand Hill Lake, to which the 61st Infantry Brigade marched Monday, abound in animal life is readily shown by a look at the company streets of Louisiana's 156th Inf., regiment. Cages are being built everywhere in the regiment for the squirrels which the boys brought back from the area.



We are all familiar with stories of dogs biting men. It is customary for dogs to bite men, when the men step aside from their rights and infringe on the liberties of said canine; and some people have exaggerated the thing and twisted it about so as to have men biting dogs. We don't know about that but this story is of a rare case of biting, mingled with an interesting feature of a more interesting city, St. Augustine.

In this city where soldiers find a warm welcome from the more harsh aspect of soldiering, and where many of them take advantage of a week-end recluse, there prevails a custom carried over from by-gone days of the horse-driven (or horse-pulled, as the case might be) taxi-cabs. An important attachment of this conveyer, the horse's usher clings to the custom of the stove-pipe hat, so highly revered by he darkie clan of yesteryear.

Two privates, Harold C. Dean and Auburn Todd decided to tour the city in one of these old hacks and approached the darkie inquiring rates, etc. Being settled on that score the privates, on their way to the interesting points, struck up a conversation with the darkie who began to tell of the merits of his animal. Said he, the horse was very fond of ladies, but had no great amount of affection for the male sex. The boys were skeptical of this and wanted proof. It seems they got it in the way of a firm grip on the shoulder. One of them had been bitten.

From Company F, of the 106th Engineer Regiment, comes rumors that this outfit is not entirely without pranks. They are up to clean jobs of making laughter where there is none. Sending young privates to pick up the cannon report from the orderly tent; get the track meet for mess sgt.; to locate the key to the parade grounds. And more. Disconcerting to the lads but furnishes mirth to the fellows who would otherwise no doubt be straight-faced. We don't know why but this company has to share mess halls with two others, neither of which belongs to them. Roughly, they must not have a mess hall.

Just where pick handles come into the picture in the laundry is a question definitely undecided, and pick handle could more nearly be forgiven if it alone had been found. But no—the pick was there too! And facilities are reportedly very short for furnishing laundry marks, not to mention doing the actual cleaning, on these things found in last week's laundry at the Camp. The staff of this institution is at a loss as to how to proceed. They also run down a list and mention bugles, a shoe, and others. These, soldiers are told, if they will be careful about including them again, may be recovered on proper identification.

The good Sergeant Fernand D. Brackstone of Company H, 155th Infantry is still learning lessons, it seems, on how to spend his penny. Not long ago he bought a nice fluffy little pup from a strange soldier in camp. About the time he was becoming attached to the animal, along came the owner of the dog who repossessed same after having been dealt foul play in losing him. The agent had merely induced the innocent canine to come along and sold him. Since then the Sgt. has had numerous attractive offers on the Empire State Building, Brooklyn Bridge—which he promptly refused stating the price had advanced considerably since he sold them some time ago himself.

This little note of distressful wailing was sent in by a Dixie reporter, Private Hinkle. The collection of names, we think, is more or less Flashy:

In the name of Horace Greeley, Joseph Pulitzer, Charles Dana and both James Gordon Bennetts please aid this reporter to retain his dubious sanity. Every man in my outfit, 3rd Bn., 167th Inf., keeps asking me the same question "umpteenth" times a day:

"Why don't you write something about the 'Detach'."

Just print Sweet Pea, Flash, Bennet, Ma, Kynard, Muscles, Rough, Berber, Pistol, Dixie, Post, Outpost, Joe, Windy, and at least that many of my tormentors can't say their names weren't in the paper.

The poor private. There are so many times when he is certain that he's championing a cause wherein his prominence is slipping from grip. That is, keeping true to the gal back home and keeping her the same way. In this instance Private Harold E. Hallman prepared for and embarked on a nice furlough of several days, proceeding to his home in Mississippi. He is a member of Co. C, 155th Infantry. Prospects were good, in fact, things fairly smacked of a gloriously happy reunion with the fair one. Things progressed. Upon arrival at the home station, Hallman grabbed a phone in short order. Said she "I'll have to ask mother." He was alarmed enough at that but imagine his consternation when the mother called back a moment later and tersely announced her daughter had just left town to visit relatives far away, for an indefinite length of time!

From some voluntary source comes this bit of disturbing information; and at the moment we're not in a position to dispute it, even though it does sound like a cold natured group of facts, if facts is must be. Some, more widely read in human values and anatomy, etc., may have already run into this pulsating bit of discovery, but for the benefit of you who have not, privates, here you are: in a nutshell, a man is worth—enough fat to make seven bars of soap; enough iron to scrape together a nail; enough sugar (must be girls, boys) to fill a small bowl; enough lime to whitewash a chicken coop (imagine being smeared over a chicken coop!) and so on and so forth, getting into finer details. So, it might be well to consider a bit here. After all, according to this, pretty good things can come from a dash of this and a sprinkle of that.

Mississippi Soldiers Here Visited By State Adj. General; Praised

The Mississippi soldiers in Camp Blanding were given a sweeping vote of approval this week when Brigadier-General Thomas J. Grayson, who is the magnolia state's adjutant, spent about two days visiting boys in the Dixie Division. General Grayson not only went through the various regiments to speak to the officers and enlisted men, but Monday he went out on the field and saw the 155th Infantry boys at the end of their 19 1-2-mile hike.

"They appear in fine shape, and we are mighty proud of the Mississippians," was General Grayson's comment. He arrived in Blanding Monday and left Wednesday for Atlanta and headquarters of the Fourth Corps Area. The General spent Tuesday night with the 155th Infantry after spending the day visiting the Mississippi men in the 106th Engineers, 106th Medical Regiment, 106th Quartermasters and 114th Field Artillery.

While with the 106th Medicos, General Grayson was the guest of Lieutenant-Colonel John E. McDill, who commands the First Battalion.

Brigadier General Grayson was called back to his state on urgent business before he completed his informal inspection of Mississippi troops last Wednesday. The General will return in the near future he said, to complete the inspection.

Transferring Private Finds Proper Place

Private Robert Hinds of Tupelo, Miss., has finally located a job and a company to his liking after being transferred many times within the 31st (Dixie) Division since his induction into the armed forces here last winter. The Tupelo selectee is now attached to the Medical Detachment of the 114th Field Artillery.

Pvt. Hinds first was attached for a short time to the Infantry and Quartermasters troops at Camp Shelby, Miss., and on being sent to Camp Blanding found himself a member of the 156th (Louisiana) Infantry. He enjoyed his stay with the boys from the Pelican State, but soon was shifted to the 155th (Mississippi) Infantry. Then, he was claimed by the 155th Medical Detachment and later by Battery C of the 114th Field Artillery. Finally, this week he was transferred to the 114th Medical Detachment, with which organization he works in the Dispensary and the field. He is happy now at his work and is further pleased that he is associated with so many Tupelo friends.

And How About "Hide And Go Seek?"

The soldiers in Co. L, 156th Infantry, are rugged individuals; at least, they believe in doing what they want to do no matter how it may look to others.

Other members of the regiment's third Battalion, were very much surprised last week to see men of the company begin playing "Drop the Handkerchief," "Ring Around the Rosie" and "Farmer in the Dell" in the company street.

When asked their reasons by the curious, the Louisiana soldiers replied: "We felt like doing it so we did."

Duellists Are Musicians And Vice Versa

Proving not only that they were good musicians but that they would make good duellists as well were members of the 156th Infantry band, who went on the firing range for the first time last week. Ten of the 28 men of the unit ended with scores of more than forty on the 15-yard range and six made over 45 on the 25-yard range.

Warrant Officer, Frank Rosato leader of the unit, was the top shot, qualifying as an expert with the machine gun in addition to shooting 44 on the 25-yard range.

116th Sergeant Team Manager

Master Sergeant Edgar Leavine of the 116th Field Artillery, well known in Florida athletic circles, is organizing and will manage a diamond ball team to represent the 116th against nearby community teams. Tryouts for pitchers and catchers are being held this week.

A new service of THE DIXIE is a lost and found column. Notices of items lost or found are FREE. Call 240 or tell your Reporter.

Absent Minded Sgt. Carries His Trunks

Absent-minded professors have nothing on First Sergeant F. M. Bradford of Service Company, 156th Infantry. On a recent maneuver to Keystone Heights, Bradford had ridden ten miles before he discovered he left his pack at Camp. He turned around, returned to Blanding to get it.

In camp again, the sergeant began day-dreaming how nice it would be to swim in the lake where the company was bivouacking, so he got his bathing trunks and departed once more for Keystone Heights—still without the pack.

As a result, the men of the Service Company were treated to the sight of the top-kick sleeping on the cold, hard ground.

Apple Juice Mystery Remains Unsolved

The mystery of the quart of apple juice is still unsolved, and official quarters have about abandoned hope. It started on a CPX when 1st Lt. Harold N. Logan, Staff Mess Officer, ordered out General John C. Persons' unfermented apple juice. Only by inadvertent substitutions recently was the General converted to apple juice after adhering strictly to a liquid water diet, and the absence of this now-favored potion caused no little consternation.

The missing jug was located after some expert detective work in the tent of Lt. Col. James N. Faulconer, who himself is no apple juice addict, but who did ride out to the CPX with the mess detail. Of course, no one accuses Chaplain Faulconer, but that only complicates things. Who, then, did plant the apple juice jug in Col. Faulconer's quarters? No reward is offered for the solution of the mystery, but its unraveling would add more than one person's peace of mind.

Fishermen For Mr. Ripley's Records

Some fishermen do tell the truth, and in this category are 21 non-coms of Battery B, 114th Field Artillery, and two commissioned officers who over the week-end fished for big ones at Ocean Pine Lodge, Osceola National Forest. The soldiers had very little luck in the huge lake where they fished, but they did bring back interesting news for men of Camp Blanding: the Lodge which has a capacity of about 25 can be rented for the sum of \$1.00 per day, not per man, and in addition to fishing there are swimming facilities, and Lake City is only 12 miles away. District Forest Ranger at Lake City is the man with whom to communicate if any Dixie Division groups are interested in a sports week-end of this kind.

Boys Take Hint; Name Thoroughfares

Never let it be said that the boys in New Orleans' Headquarters Co., 156th Inf., can't take a hint.

Last week, THE DIXIE came out with a story about the Louisianians naming the duck-walks on their company street after famous Crescent City thoroughfares and neglecting to include Canal Street, the most known of them all.

Well, this week men of the New Orleans unit announced that, not only had they named a "Canal Street" but that also they had a "Rookie Avenue" for the mistake they had made.

They'll Do That

Dixie Division soldiers learned this week that they must be more careful what they send to the camp laundry. The government operated cleaning plant announces that, among other items, found in the laundry bundles are wrist watches, pistol holsters, fountain pens, bill folds, bugles, combs, knives, and even a pick and pick handle!

The announcement continues that owners can retrieve the items by identifying them at the laundry and "promising that no such article will ever again find its way into the laundry bundles."

What's In A Name Anyway?

Among the "promotions" of the week was the change in status from "yardbirds" to orderly of Pvt. George Eugene Harmon Morgenthau Monroe Mason III, of Battery D, 114th Field Artillery.

Son Of Miss. Gov. New Dixie Soldier

Selectee Patrick H. Johnson, son of the Mississippi Governor, Paul B. Johnson, completed his week of processing at the induction center this week along with 200 other Mississippi trainees who arrived Sunday for a year's training.

He was assigned to Hq. Battery, 2nd Battalion, 114th F. A.

He has taken a physical exami-



Private Johnson

nation, intelligence test, received a issue of clothes and been taught the rudiments of close-order drill. With the other boys, he has gotten in some tennis, horseshoe pitching and swimming.

Like many of the group of 200, Johnson volunteered. He discussed it with his father who gave whole-hearted approval, stating that if he were a young man "he would be in the middle of it."

The trainee was employed in the Mississippi State Vehicle Department. Most of the men who made the 600 mile trip from Jackson to the induction center were surprised to learn upon arrival that the new soldier was the son of the governor.

Band Concerts Weekly For Tired Troopers

The 114th Field Artillery Band, which is under the leadership of Warrant Officer Richard N. Whitfield, Jr., is doing its part in entertaining the members of the Mississippi regiment by giving a weekly concert after the evening mess on either Monday or Tuesday evening. The outfit this week lost one of its most talented members when Pfc. Ennis E. Bailey left for Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., to join the Air Corps at that base. Private Bailey, who was an electric guitar virtuoso with numerous nationally known bands before joining the colors, was formerly enrolled at the California Aeronautic Institute at Los Angeles, Cal.

These Men Make All Pay Formations

Technical Sergeant Joseph C. Govoccek, who looks after payroll matters for the 124th Infantry, is fond of pointing with pride at the record of the regimental band. The latter organization has an unique record in that none of its members have ever been absent to sign the payroll or, which may not be unique, on pay days. Nor have there been any AWOLs among the musicians, all of which means that the band members take no chances whatsoever when it comes to the pay-off on pay days.

Army Picks Spot For This Technician

The Army always tries to find the right spot for the right man. Take Pvt. Jack Samson of the Medical Detachment of the 114th Field Artillery, for instance. A movie operator in his home town of Columbus, Miss., Pvt. Samson wanted to continue theatre work in his spare time at Camp. He had no time to take an operator's job, but he is serving as a cashier at the 31st Division Theatre, so learning the movie field from a new angle.

Gator Cause Of Hasty Retreat

Major Lester C. O'Neal, regimental surgeon for the 117th Field Artillery was making a routine inspection this week and during the course of it walked into Battery E's latrine. One look was enough, for there staring at the major from the floor spot near the entrance was a two-foot alligator. The alligator is the Battery's mascot, but he looked ferocious enough to the unsuspecting inspector.

Painting Signs Leads To Distinction

Sign painting for Private Harry P. Walton, Headquarters Company, 124th Infantry, started when he was a member of Company A and stationed at the Armory in Miami. His first job was painting names on foot lockers for the men. Then on the way to camp, on the train, Captain John G. McFarlan, Company A commander, asked him to paint the company's insignia. Despite the jostling and jerking of the train's movement, the sign was finished and ready to hang up when the company arrived in camp.

The first day in camp brought added paint details. Immediately he started painting signs for the company's latrine, the 1st Sergeant's tent and others.

On the third day officers from other companies, passing through Company A's streets, noticed the attractive signs and informed Regimental Headquarters. Talent was officially recognized, he received an order to report to Headquarters, and his new title reads "Regimental Sign Painter."

In this capacity his duties include latrine signs, officer's name plates, fire buckets, regimental insignia, and now, with approach of maneuvers, the dozens of CPX emblems and drum heads that must be done. He has a special tent.

Fate Pulls Strange Strings For Private

The would-be-wise Pvt. Ralph Johnson of Company C, 167th Inf., had one of his schemes to dodge a tough day in the field boomerang on him last week. He arranged to have himself on KP duty to avoid what he thought was going to be a hard day in the field. That day turned out to be a holiday. Next day he hired someone to work during the evening for him only to discover that the company was moving out that night. As a result to keep from going on the night maneuver he had to pay his substitute to allow him to get back on KP.

Out "figgerin' the Army is a tough job isn't it Johnson?"

Private Rolls Pack For Long Drive; Gets Disappointed

Pvt. Charles R. Serie, Staff Section, 155th Regimental Headquarters, was the victim of a practical joke recently. Several of his buddies rudely awakened him from sleep to inform him he must make the scheduled 20 mile hike. The conspirators helped him pack. Urging him to get into the company street as soon as he could so that he would not be late.

Completing his packing he was informed that it was all a joke and that he would not have to make the trip.

Political Campaigning Not Dead Here

A Louisiana political campaign in miniature with speeches, handshaking, and all the trimmings, is in progress in Headquarters Co., 156th Inf. The occasion is the election of president for a social club which members of the company are forming.

Each man in the company will contribute 50c per month for the maintenance of the club, which will give dances and parties for all members.

The three candidates for president are Corp. Arthur Glavotella, Sgt. Faulkner Blanks and Sgt. Claude Simms.

Medical Soldiers Arrange For Regimental Band; Start Practice

"We shall have music" was the slogan adopted by the 106th Medical Regiment, so the boys went out and formed their own band, made up of volunteers. Tired of waiting for officials in Washington to grant them permission, the medics got together under the guidance of Captain Lawrence E. Hudson. The response was tremendous.

"Every other regiment in Camp Blanding has its band," they reasoned, "why not us?" Volunteers stepped forward to play some sort of musical instrument—even though some of the boys didn't know a B flat from an A minor. So far, 24 are practicing their toots in the fire-break woods between the 106th Medical and 114th Field Artillery regiments.

Handling the baton as temporary leader is Private Jack Bilbo of Hattiesburg, Miss., a distant relative of the former

155th Vocalists Go On Air At WRUF

A quartet of talented musicians comprised of members of 155th Infantry Regiment made its debut on radio station WRUF, Gainesville, last Saturday afternoon. The group, made up of Sergeants Jimmy Alexander, Edward Stewart and Corporal John Lawrence of B Company and Private Ernest Duke of Company C, rendered five numbers in a fifteen minute program. The selections were "I hear a Rhapsody," and "Walking By The River," by Pvt. Duke, followed by "Apple Blossom Time," sung by the B Company Trio.

Two original selections were also included on the program. They were "Don't Join the Army" and "Moonstruck" both written and sung by Corporal Lawrence.

Amnesia Victim Not New At Blanding

Corp. Ray Lee, Service Co., 156th Inf., thought he was Camp Blanding's newest Amnesia victim recently. He had decided to call up his parents in Alexandria, Louisiana, and proceeded to give the operator the number of his father. The answer was short: "Sir, I'm sorry, there's no such number listed." Lee tried again: "Look up the number of Mr. J. T. Lee," he ordered. Still no luck. The operator couldn't find the name in the directory. Worried, the corporal ordered that the directories for the past five years be checked. The answer was: "Sir, I can't find a J. T. Lee listed for any of those years." With bated breath, Lee made a last desperate attempt: "Where is this?" The reply brought a gasp: "This is Alexandria, Virginia, Sir."

Sends For Soil From Back Home

Homesickness is pretty common around Army camps but most soldiers don't go to the lengths Pvt. Patrick Gillis, head waiter in the Officers' Mess of the 156th Infantry, did to relieve his.

When he heard that Lt. Lionel J. Champagne, Service Company, would be in his home town, Baton Rouge, La., on leave, Pvt. Gillis didn't waste any time. He walked up to the officer and asked for a favor: "Lieutenant, I'd like you to bring me something from home"; and whispered what he wanted in the officer's ear.

A week later, the officer was back with Gillis' "present." Before the astonished eyes of his tentmates, Gillis untied a neatly-wrapped package, opened it, and delightedly began running his fingers through a box of dirt and grass from his own front yard.

Week's Best Crack Cracked By Pelican

The prize for the week's best crack goes to Pvt. Paul Sandlin, Co. L, 156th Inf., from Shreveport, La. When told that he would be "assigned to extra duty as punishment" for a minor infraction of the rules, Sandlin replied: "Gosh, that's O. K.; I won't be able to tell the difference between the regular duty and the extra anyway."

Long-Service Record In Cold Country Halts With Common Cold

A record held for 21 years, one that was unbroken while serving with the American Expeditionary Forces for a year and a half in the cold wastes of Siberia, fell here this week. Corporal Thomas N. Johns, Hq. Co., 124th Infantry, made his first sick call—a cold.

Dixie Division's Insignia Has Long And Interesting Background

How To Proceed With Fair One

The best way not to make headway with a girl is presented by Pvt. Sam Nasello, K. P. in the officers' mess of the 156th Infantry.

At a dance in one of the neighboring Florida towns, Nasello was "shining up" to one of the girls by showering attentions on her aged grandmother, also at the dance. In fact he was dancing more with the grandmother than with the granddaughter.

When the band began to play "Home Sweet Home," the soldier went to look for his lady love . . . to find that she'd gone home with someone else and had left him to escort the grandmother.

Service Co. 124th Has New Ball Club

The newly organized softball team of Service Company, 124th Infantry, swung into action recently, with the first scheduled game of the year. The first opponent was the hard hitting Medical Detachment, which has a reputation of a free hitting team against any pitching. However "Lard" Blalock did some fancy twirling and stemmed their bats for 9 full innings, winning a close decision 6 to 5. Service Company out hit their rivals 14 to 9, but three costly errors gave the Med's 3 runs. Big guns of the attack were Snyder, who hit a round tripper and a double. Warren also hit a triple, and Blalock who had 3 for 5.

The surprise of the game was the sensational playing of 1st Sgt. George Leonard. He made some fancy catches and his fielding was faultless. He had a good day with the hickory, whiffing 4 times in 4 attempts.

Snuffy Smith Invited Here By 116th

The 116th Field Artillery Monday wrote cartoonist Billy DeBeck, of "Barney Google" fame, inviting him to pay them a visit. The invitation, written by Major C. S. Lloyd, regimental S-2, was inspired by DeBeck's May 23 cartoon strip which featured "Snuffy Smith." In the funnies Snuffy "received" a letter actually sent him by jokesters in the 116th's second battalion inviting him to visit Camp Blanding. The succeeding drawing showed all the soldiers lined up at the railroad station ready to put Snuffy through the belt line, but the sergeant is telling them to "break it up, boys, Snuffy ain't comin'."

Tallest-Shortest-Most; Soldiers Brag, Boast

Claims continue to pile in for the distinction of being the tallest, shortest, or "most" man in the Division. But here, it seems, is one that "tops" them all—and by at least two inches. Pvt. Felix Martin, Hq. Btry., 2nd Bn., 117th F. A., stands 6 ft. 8 inches, weighs 235 lbs., and wears a 12 E. E. shoe.

Military Man Before Enlisting

Corp. Claude R. Miller, a member of G. Co., 124th Infantry, is one selective service soldier who entered the service with a previous fine record in the military ranks. The infantryman has to his credit a four-year stretch in time Marine Corps, during which time he was stationed at Paris Island, S. C.; Norfolk, Va.; San Diego, Cal.; Olongapo and Cavite, Philippine Islands; and Shanghai, China. He received an honorable discharge as a private first class in 1937 and was recalled to the colors last Winter.

Believes In Lucky Toss; Tosses Shoe; Beans Self

It may be lucky to throw a horse shoe over your left shoulder but Pvt. Bill Cather, Med. Det., 167th Inf., had a bandage-swathed head as negative evidence.

The Medico was just in the act of tossing a 'shoe when one of his fellow "healers," playing catch with a baseball alongside, uncorked a wild throw. Bill ducked fast enough to dodge the ball but not fast enough to avoid the horse shoe he had just pitched. The 'shoe had gone skyward instead of pinward and "all that goes up is bound to come down."

Army Journal Will Feature Col. Kuttner

Stressing military achievement, a life history of Col. James H. Kuttner, commander of the 156th Infantry regiment, is scheduled to appear in a forthcoming issue of the Third Army Journal.

By Private George H. Field
The 31st Division Insignia, worn by officers and enlisted men alike on service and field caps and shoulder straps of officers, has an interesting and significant background. To Colonel J. H. Spengler, commanding officer of the 106th Quartermaster Regiment goes credit for its creation.

Following the World War, the division was reorganized. During this period the War Department asked the unit's commanding officer to submit a design for the four southern states. Colonel Spengler, then a Lt. Colonel and serving as Division Quartermaster, was in turn allotted the task. At the time stationed in St. Augustine, he spent many hours in addition to his other duties in seeking a design with a profound meaning. Finally an idea was conceived that he thought would prove suitable. Nothing, he decided, could be more fitting than using for a base an outline of Old Fort Marion, St. Augustine, the oldest fortification in the United States.

And so the design was started but not completed. The Colonel then wanted something that would signify each of the four states. This, he solved, by adding the crests then in use by the represented regiments: For Florida, the Alligator; Alabama, the Cotton Boll; Mississippi, the Magnolia and Trident, and Louisiana, a pelican with a fish in its mouth.

Upon its completion, the design was submitted to the War Department for approval. Here, sanction was given and it received official classification.

Since the adoption of the insignia, two brigades in the division have made use of Colonel Spengler's original idea of the fortress as a base. The Artillery uses red and the Infantry blue. In lieu of the four state crests, they use two state emblems to indicate the states from which the troops originate.

Top Bracket Sergeant Returns From Ft. Sill

Staff sergeant Othe D. Dickinson is back with his Headquarters Battery of the 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery, after spending three months at the Army Communications School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Sgt. Dickinson took courses in radio and wire communications, and stood with the upper bracket of his class, qualifying as an instructor in communications subjects.

Another member of the Headquarters Detachment, Pfc. James D. Johns has left for Fort Sill to start a course in automobile mechanics on June 1.

Animals Give Trouble To Medical Men

The 106th Medicos are having animal troubles. Recently seven or eight dogs crowded into the dispatcher's quarters and made work impossible until the canines were chased out. On another occasion, some pet pigs which had been brought from home by some of the boys had to be released when it was found that their rooting was undermining the structure of a mess hall.

Ocala Official Praises Infantrymen's Conduct

The personnel of the 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry, and Lt. Col. Robert G. Saxon, commanding officer, are proud of the letter received from City Manager R. P. Clark of Ocala, following the organization's recent visit to that Florida city.

The letter, read in part, "In behalf of the city of Ocala, we wish to extend to you and your men our utmost thanks for the splendid condition in which our grounds were left last week-end. It is a pleasure to entertain a group of men as well mannered and orderly."

Awards To Engineers

Col. Harry Hulen, commanding officer of the 106th Engineers, has designed some attractive awards for engineers completing the course in aerial photography. The handsome certificates will be given to each graduate.

Tattooed Bubber Human Art Gallery

Pvt. Bubber Sayer of B Company, 155th Infantry, claims the 31st Dixie Division record for having the most tattooed pictures on his body. The human art gallery has twenty-six pictures on his anatomy with subjects ranging from his initials to an angel on his chest.

Blanding Soldiers Go To Church On Sunday



Typical of the numerous impressive Church services the various Chaplains of the Division are conducting is the above scene showing a mixed choir aiding the Chaplain. Singers from both army and civilian life are giving the men splendid sacred music, adding greatly to the Sunday programs.

Division Library Has Large List Of Books Ready To Circulate

Mrs. Elinor K. Evans, chief librarian for the 31st Division, announces 1,000 new books have been ordered and will be here shortly. The library is on the second floor of the Service Club, located opposite the 156th Infantry headquarters on C Road.

Books may be borrowed by men of the division, hours from four in the afternoon till 10 in the evening, daily and Sunday. In addition to fiction and non-fiction, there are forty-odd periodicals and newspapers available for

reading.

Assisting Mrs. Evans in the library are Private McNeel of the 114th F. A. and Private Charles Fried of the 124th Infantry.

In the service club itself, efforts are being made to include the insignias of all the Dixie regiments just below the mezzanine railings. So far, only five regiments have furnished plaques, and the others are asked to take this opportunity to display their regimental insignias.

Medical Men Will Meet All Comers

Soldiers of Company D of the 106th Medical Regiment who make up the Post Exchange baseball team scored a 3-1 victory over the 172nd Field Artillery nine last Sunday. The Medics are desirous of arranging games with any ball aggregation in the 31st and 43rd divisions of Camp Blanding.

Chaplain Motorized In 155th

Mississippi's 155th Infantry has a new kind of chaplain.

Major Louis J. Jiggetts executive officer, noticed a particularly singular incident when the boys completed their long hike last Monday. Riding in one of those odd-looking jeeps was Chaplain Captain Sandlin of the 155th.

Maj. Jiggetts says: "We have a chaplain motorized."

Co. B, 106th Engrs. Have Celebration

Officers and members of Company B of the 106th Engineers gathered around the festive board last Thursday when the boys celebrated the 7th anniversary of the company. The scene of the big doings was the Mayflower Hotel at Jacksonville, and a gala program was held.

124th Rifle Team Finishes Third

Company F, 124th Infantry, with one of the crack rifle teams in the division, finished third in the all-state Florida Rifle Championship Matches held in Winter Haven recently.

Members of the team are: 1st Lt. George W. Spears, Sgt. George E. Martin, Sgt. Lyle E. Shofers, Sgt. Carl K. Foster, James H. Martin and Sgt. William H. Smith.

Private Sees Magic Performed In Joke

There are some real practical jokers attached to Headquarters Battery of the 56th F. A. Brigade, as Pvt. Melvin Trosler of that organization well knows. When one of Corp. Henry Randazzo's pets, a flying squirrel, was reported lost, Pvt. Trosler answered a "found" call in Cook Clinton Bennett's tent. However, on putting his hand under the sheet to retrieve the missing animal, Pvt. Trosler found he had contacted a live gopher. Moving out on the double, Trosler vowed he would engage in no more hunts for missing pets. The squirrel was found later, a victim of a fast-moving truck.

Specialists All--

It was a heck of a weekend for Thirty-First Division artificers last week. While their buddies with jobs that require more brawn than brain lay lazily on beaches, in their tents, or spent the weekend in recreation, your artificer was busy trying to figure out a way to get that ramrod which was jammed in a new Garand out without ruining the gun barrel.

The reason was that many of the infantry companies were shooting on the range before the holidays began, and whenever they hear the crack of rifle fire, the artificers immediately cast aside all plans for recreation and relaxation. They know that when the companies get back from the range there'll be someone who'll get a ramrod or a patch in a rifle and won't be able to get it out.

"Artificer" sounds like a bad pun on the word "officer" but actually it's the fellow who takes care of the guns where the ordinary soldier leaves off. He's the fellow who strips the trigger assembly when there's sand in it, who works into the night when the soldier who caused the trouble is having happy dreams.

If you tinker the job's easy, you're sadly mistaken. In addition to caring for the company ordinance, the artificer usually serves as the supply sergeants' helper, performing the minor duties of that office. His duties may also include some of those usually assigned the company clerk.

Not everyone can hold the office. The artificer must know everything about all the weapons which the company uses; pistols, automatics, Garand rifles, Springfield rifles, bayonets, all types of automatic rifles, light and heavy machine-guns, and everything else the men of the company carry.

In case of war, the artificer's job would be even worse. He must be near the front lines then, able to repair all breaks in equipment with the minimum of tools.

A typical artificer is Pfc. Alfred M. Prescott, Co. A, 124th Infantry, from Miami. Prescott says that he has "fooled with guns" all his life, "starting with cap pistols, working through the BB gun and .22 calibre rifle stages," and finally graduating to the latest of Uncle Sam's weapons, the Garand M1. He likes his job, despite the hard work, and "wouldn't change it for an infantryman's for the world."

Over in the artillery, the artificers are called "Armorsers" and their jobs parallel that of the infantryman's. They too care for all ordinance equipment in their units.

Short-Cutting Non-Coms Arrive Late

A short cut is sometimes the longest distance between two given points. Sgt. J. D. McCullum and Corp. Morris Milstead of Co. F, 155th Infantry, found this out when they followed a "shorter" way home than the one being used by the troops on their return from the 40-mile hike taken by the infantrymen. The result: the main body of soldiers arrived at their quarters nearly an hour and a quarter before the "short-cutting" non-coms did.

THE DIXIE especially wants news and unusual happenings concerning our Division's enlisted men. If you have a good item give it to your company or regimental reporter for next week's issue.



Gomez Wins Another Battle

Private Tommy Gomez, 22-year-old professional heavyweight fighter now serving in the Medical Detachment of the 116th Field Artillery, enhanced his steadily growing reputation Friday night of last week in Tampa, Fla., his home town, by scoring a first round, knock-out victory over Lou Thomas, 23, of Jacksonville, Fla.

A capacity crowd of 5,000 persons, including Captain Ben Hudson, Dixie Recreation Officer, and many soldiers from the 116th jammed Tampa's Benjamin Field arena to watch the savage Gomez as he put his 185 pounds of human dynamite into a left hook and an overhand right thrust into Thomas' body as the first round started. A series of overhand punches delivered too fast for the eye to follow left the 190 pound Thomas cold on the canvas floor of the ring just two minutes and 17 seconds after the bout's beginning. Thomas was a veteran of 55 fights, of which he had won 40.

Gomez has lost only one of his 28 fights, and has avenged the one defeat with first round kayo. Tommy has now entered the national spotlight as a possible contender for the World's Heavyweight Championship, although no negotiations have been entered into thus far, Private Peter Leto, Gomez' trainer, also of the 116th Medical Detachment, states.

Leto announced this week that Gomez will meet Jim Bowden, 22, a 190 pound slugger from Duval County, Florida, Friday night, June 6, in the Main Street arena in Jacksonville, Florida.

Soft Ball Teams Are Challenged

Two 114th Field Artillery softball teams are anxious to take on opponents in other regiments and point to their current records as proof of their strength on the diamond. The outfits are Battery F, and an undefeated team, which recently compiled the gigantic total of 37 runs against 3 for the Service Battery club of the Second Battalion, and the Regimental Headquarters organization, also undefeated and victor over Battery C, 13-11, and Battery G, 19-7.

Sergeant With 15 Years Service Retires

With a record of 15 years of military service in the National Guard behind him, first Sgt. Eugene H. Jones, Co. I, 155th Infantry, this week retired from active service. Known as "Big Blue" to his fellow Mississippians, Sgt. Jones helped make history with the Laurel unit, serving in the Vicksburg flood duty of 1928 and in many riot calls answered by that detachment in his native state.

The retiring non-com was well known for his marksmanship with the rifle, having been on the Camp Perry Rifle Team in 1935-36-37 and 1940. He also earned numerous state medals in rifle competitions. On his retirement, the popular sergeant was presented gifts by Capt. John G. Berry in behalf of Co. I officers and by Sgt. Wm. F. Eastman in behalf of the personnel of Co. I.

Up-To-The-Minute Baseball Diamond

A regulation baseball diamond, complete with commercially manufactured bases, a rubber home plate, and clayed baselines, was finished this week by the 116th Field Artillery in the area behind the cottage of Brigadier General Sumter Lowry, Jr. A regimental baseball team, selected from over 30 applicants, has obtained uniforms and full playing equipment, and practice has begun. A schedule has not been arranged yet, Master Sergeant Edward Levine, manager of the team, stated yesterday.

Mimeograph School For Division Clerks

Fifteen Dixie clerks, one from each regiment and brigade and two from Special Troops Battalion, will attend the four day mimeograph school to be held at Camp Headquarters June 2 through 5. Instructors from the A. B. Dick Company of Chicago, world's largest manufacturers of stencil duplicating devices, will teach the course.

Softball Popular With Alabama Artillerymen

According to Lt. Ralph C. Boles, 117th Field Artillery Recreational officer, softball has proved to be the most popular sport in this regiment. Each battery has entered into the regimental softball league with much enthusiasm.

Each Wednesday afternoon finds each unit clashing with an opponent in a game, between one and four. Thus far the competition has been very keen and is expected to prove even more so as each team finally selects its best players.

Another sport that has caught the fancy of the 17th is boxing. With the training schedule permitting, matches are held each Friday night in the regiments' arena, starting at eight o'clock. These Friday night matches are attracting more and more attention each week and more spectators are on hand.

Other sports enjoyed by members of the 17th are Volleyball, Badminton, Horseshoes and swimming.

Opportunity For Domino Players

A domino team, playing the more sedate and not the galloping variety, has been formed by the 61st Infantry Brigade's Headquarters Company and has challenged any team in the Dixie Division to meet it.

Heading the team are the following Mississippians: C. N. Berry, Paul Conner, Ed Harrison, Burdine Young, Ralph Wood, Robert Hood and Grafton Chism.

155th To Have Boxing Program

Lt. George Donovan, recreation officer of the 155th Infantry Regiment, and Sgt. G. J. Gore, his assistant, are working out a regimental boxing program. Winners in the various weight classes will meet boxers of other regiments in a program being arranged by Capt. Ben Hudson, division recreation officer.

Necessity, Mother Of Invention, Produces

A commendation of some kind should be extended to Corp. William R. Ryland of Regimental Headquarters, 114th Field Artillery. Ryland is circulation manager of the DRAGON, official weekly paper of the Mississippi regiment, but this week he took on most of the editorial duties as well. Editor Paul L. Storek was assigned to the Division stenography and typing school; Corp. W. D. Heddeston, assistant editor, left Tuesday evening to re-enlist in the Marine Air Corps; and Pvt. Jack E. White, city editor, drew a week's assignment on KP. Despite this situation, the DRAGON was published and distributed even ahead of schedule, which speaks very well of Corp. Ryland's work and that of his associates.

114th Services Well Received

The weekly religious service of the 114th Field Artillery, which always draws a sizable audience, was the scene last Sunday morning of a union with the Church of eight members of the Mississippi regiment. Following the sermon by Chaplain Edmund Wells, six members of the congregation stepped forward to volunteer a profession of faith and two to vow a renewal of faith with the Church.

Pvt. Wings Way Homeward

Pvt. John Belcher of Miami and member of Headquarters Det. 1st Bn. 124th Infantry and Tech. Sgt. J. H. Shannon of regimental Headquarters took a trip to Miami recently by air as they went in Pvt. Belcher's private plane, the "Luscombe." While in Miami Belcher purchased a new pet, a very rare blue eyed monkey but either the monkey or Tech Sgt. Shannon had to come back by express so the monkey had to arrive via express and the problem of where to keep him is worrying the Miami youth.

THE DIXIE welcomes interesting articles and features about Dixie enlisted men. If you have something to submit mail it to: 31st Div. Press Section, Camp Blanding.

DIXIE DIVISION SPORTS



167th Regimental Team Wins Green Cove Springs

Unleashing a barrage of hits in the first inning that tallied seven runs, the baseball team of the 167th Infantry went on to pile up a 25 to 1 score against a team from Green Cove in that city Saturday.

The Green Covers couldn't solve the slants of Pitcher Bell of Co. H. Beverly, stellar third baseman from Anti-Tank Co., led the hitters, collecting five singles in 6 trips to the plate. Green Cove's lone tally came late in the game after the Blanding lads had run themselves breathless. Almost the entire 167th squad played in the game.

156th Baseball Nine Meets Navy; Loses

The newly formed 156th Inf. regiment baseball team lost its opening game of the season to a team from the Jacksonville Naval Air base 12-1 there Sunday afternoon.

The lone run for the Army players was made by Werner, who scored in the second inning.

It was the first time the 156th Infantrymen had played together as a team, having had no practice before going to the Air base.

The score by innings follows:

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Army	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Navy	1	0	0	6	0	4	1	0	0
Total—Army 1; Navy 12.									

117th Artillery Soft Ball

The softball team of the Service and Ammunition Battery, 2nd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, played at Dothan, Alabama, over the week-end and lost a 19-18 game to an all-star aggregation of that place. Sgt. L. F. Quattlebaum, Corp. Thomas Tyler and Pvt. Robert Elmore were the stars for the soldier nine with their heavy work at the plate.

106th Medical Has Archery Team

An archery team has been formed by the members of the 106th Medical Regiment, and practice sessions are now being held almost nightly. In addition, the Medics are forming a boxing team, and when they have representatives in all classes will be ready to challenge other boxing aggregations throughout the Division.

Barefooted Boy Without Boots

Pfc. Elwood W. Thornton, Co. F, 155th Infantry, has been the barefooted boy since his induction into the Army almost six months ago. It's not a voluntary act, however, but because his supply sergeant has been unable to secure him shoes measuring size eleven double E. So, the shoeless soldier has decided to do without the Army brogans and hope that his feet will shrink to a more standard size.

Off Balance When Asked About Balance

Caught off balance recently during an arms inspection in the streets of the 106th Engineers, a new trainee was asked by his captain to show the latter the "balance" of his rifle. "I'm sorry, sir, but this is all of it," the nervous neophyte answered, at the same time looking at the ground to see if he had dropped any rifle parts.

Gen. Persons Dinner Guest

Major General John C. Persons was a recent guest of Col. George A. Hogaboom at a dinner party in the 155th Infantry Regiment's officer mess. The dinner was followed by a concert played by the 155th Infantry band.

Dixie Players To Cast For Production

Members of the "Dixie Players" division dramatic Club, announce a meeting Tuesday night at 7:45 in the No. 1 Service Club (31st Division) at which final casts and arrangements will be made for their forthcoming play, "The Drunkard."

Feather-Weight LaGrange To Fight

Pvt. Ellis LaGrange, Co. G, 156th Infantry, former feather-weight champion in the Diamond Gloves and S. A. U. tournaments in New Orleans last year, has been signed to fight in a six-round preliminary bout at Jacksonville, next Friday evening on the card featuring the first Jacksonville appearance of Pvt. Tommy Gomez. His opponent is yet to be selected.

LaGrange's last appearance was a four-round victory over Young Gomez in Tampa. The pride of the 156th is undefeated in six starts as a professional.

Co. A, 124th Plays Volley Ball

The new volleyball court of Co. A, 124th Inf., is getting plenty of action these nights, and it is expected that a regimental volleyball league will soon be organized to accommodate the teams that are clamoring for action.

This week Co. C, of West Palm Beach defeated Co. A, of Miami by a 21-16 score, and in another game the West Palm Beach outfit vanquished the Headquarters Co., aggregation by a 21-16 count.

Co. D, 167th Nine To Play In Tuscaloosa

Tuscaloosa, Ala., will be the scene of one of the hardest fought softball games in the history of the diamond Saturday night when the crack team of Company D, 167th Inf., journeys there to play a team of all stars from the Tuscaloosa City League. A large percent of the company is expected to accompany the team to the company's home town.

It Pays To Advertise

Advertising does pay, take it from one of the boys attached to the 114th Field Artillery Regiment. He was the subject of an item in the DIXIE several issues ago, and this week he received a letter from a previously-indifferent girl friend of his high school days, who had read of his activities in the DIXIE. All that glitters is not gold, however, for his correspondent wrote from Memphis, Tenn., that she received her DIXIE from a friend in the 155th Infantry Regiment. The 114th swain is not to be dismayed and is determined to win the affections of the gal from his 155th rival, even tho both soldiers hail from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Feminine Buglers Should Be Success

A new way to arouse sleeping soldiers from their beds in the early a. m., seems to have been found by Battery B, of the 117th Field Artillery. Let the girls do it, says Sgt. John Coleman, who saw evidence of the efficiency of the feminine methods, when early Saturday morning a bevy of gals motored to the Battery Street and there called loudly for one of the artillerymen, punctuating their calls with a strident automobile horn. As a result, almost the entire Battery hustled from the tents, including some men who hadn't been early for Reville in months. Now, if there were only feminine buglers . . .

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LOST—steel helmet, imprinted "Hq. Btry. 116 F. A. No. 50" on night maneuvers May 22. Pvt. Louis Crawford, Hq. Btry, 116th Field Artillery.
LOST—blanket and shelter half rolled and tied with tent rope. Imprinted with the number "60" and stamped "116 F. A." Lost the night of the Division "alert" maneuver. Pvt. Richard Cox, Hq. Btry, 116th Field Artillery.

WANTED: Two passengers to go to Baton Rouge June 5. Have station wagon seating seven. Will expect passengers to share costs. See Sgt. H. A. Baden, Co. A, 156th Inf.

Found: a bedding roll and shelter half on recent CPX problem. Owner call 348, supply office, 167th Infantry.

LOST: By Sergeant Fred Copeland, Co. M, 156th Infantry, one pair of reading glasses, placed for safe keeping with a member of the 124th or 167th Infantry while the non-com was competing in a Golden Gloves tourney in Jacksonville some time back.